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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS
EX-OFFICIO
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO THE
GOVERNOR OF MONTANA
HONORABLE FORREST H. ANDERSON

FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 1971

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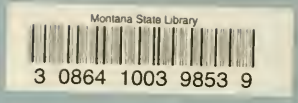

Public Service Commission

OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

1227 11TH AVE.

HELENA

MEMBERS
ERNEST C. STEEL, CHAIRMAN
LOUIS G. BOEDECKER
ALFRED C. LANGLEY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE COMMISSION

The Honorable Forrest H. Anderson
Governor
State of Montana
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Governor Anderson:

We are herewith submitting the report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, ex-officio Public Service Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1971.

Major accomplishments during the year included:

Institution of natural gas pipeline safety procedures in cooperation with the federal Department of Transportation.

Instituted procedures to implement regulation of livestock haulers.

Recommendations to facilitate the achievement of goals include:

A complete revision of the Motor Carrier Codes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest C. Steel

ERNEST C. STEEL
Chairman

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PRINCIPAL OFFICES AND OFFICERS

BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS
EX-OFFICIO
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OFFICER TERM OF OFFICE	HOME ADDRESS
ERNEST C. STEEL, CHAIRMAN 1969-1975	416 Raymond Helena, Montana
LOUIS G. BOEDECKER, COMMISSIONER 1967-1973	221 Adams Helena, Montana
ALFRED C. LANGLEY, COMMISSIONER 1971-1977	315 N. 6th Livingston, Montana
DAVID L. ASTLE, SECRETARY	842 Broadway Helena, Montana

PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

WILLIAM E. O'LEARY, ADMINISTRATOR, LEGAL DIVISION
HARRY C. LARSON, ADMINISTRATOR, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR, UTILITY DIVISION

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

1227-11th AVENUE
HELENA, MONTANA

LEGAL REFERENCES

The statutory authorizations for the activities of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, ex-officio Public Service Commission of the State of Montana are as follows:

Railroad Commission Act 1907 Title 72, Chapter 1 Revised and Amended	General supervision, control and regulation of rates, fares, charges, service facilities and safety regulations relating to transportation by rail.
Public Service Commission 1913 Title 70, Chapter 1 Revised and Amended (The Board of Railroad Commissioners was designated ex-officio Public Service Commission)	Supervision, regulation and control over all public utilities, including municipally owned utilities, furnishing water, sewer, electricity, gas heat, power, telephone or telegraph service. Regulation includes all matters relating to rates, services and facilities.
Common Carrier Pipe Lines 1921 Title 8, Chapter 2 Revised and Amended	Supervision of rates, charges, services and facilities of common carriers of petroleum and petroleum products by pipe line.
Electrical Construction 1917 Title 24, Chapter 1 Revised and Amended	Supervision and enforcement of laws and regulations relating to overhead construction of electrical construction.
Motor Carrier Act 1923, Revised and Amended Title 8, Chapter 1	Creation, service, regulation and control over "for-hire" motor vehicles operating upon the public highways of the State of Montana, with certain exceptions.
VHF Booster and Translator Television Systems 1959 Title 70, Chapter 26	Authorizing the licensing and use of VHF Booster and Translator Television Systems.
Public Utilities Securities Act 1961 Title 70, Chapter 1	Necessity of every electric or gas public utility must obtain approval of Board for issuance of certain securities.

PRINCIPAL GOALS

The Board of Railroad Commissioners and Public Service Commission exists to regulate the transportation and public utility industry within the State of Montana.

Its major goal being to provide safe and dependable transportation and utility services at reasonable costs.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARIZED

PRIORITY	DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM
1.	Natural Gas Safety Program	Railroad and Public Service Regulation
2.	Livestock Haulers Regulation	Railroad and Public Service Regulation

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DESCRIBED

1. Organized and developed a program whereby all natural gas systems will be subject to safety regulation and inspection such as whether odorization of gas is being done, proper materials are being used in construction, etc.

2. Developed a program whereby commercial livestock haulers, previously unregulated, will come under the Commission's jurisdiction.

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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PRIORITY	DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM
1.	A complete revision of the Motor Carrier Codes.	Railroad and Public Service Regulation

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS DESCRIBED

1.	Most of the motor carrier code is archaic. Due to federal intervention in the field, it is necessary to revise and up date the motor vehicle code.	Railroad and Public Service Regulation

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM - RAILROAD AND PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION

GOAL

To provide safe and dependable freight and passenger transportation services and utility services at reasonable costs.

OBJECTIVES

To maintain and improve freight and passenger transportation services and utility services.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Managed to keep a reasonably current calendar in spite of increased work load and insufficient work force.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	.....Fiscal Year	
	1969-70	1970-71
Cost	$ 247,757	$ 266,194
Performance:		
Collections	$ 839,283	$ 883,605
Plant Value of Utilities Regulated	$661,650,000	$689,073,000
Gross Revenue of Utilities Regulated	$158,341,000	$169,880,000
Orders Issued	181	228
Hearings Conducted	59	92
Applications for Certificates	161	173
Certificates Issued	24	34
Certificates Transferred	100	108
Show Cause Orders Issued	100	117
Certificates Revoked	25	32
Permits Issued (Interstate)	85	119
Motor Carriers Having Authority	900	992
MRC Plates Issued	19,399	20,631

PROGRAM COST SUMMARY

PROGRAM	FISCAL YEAR COSTS 1970-71	1969-70	Increase (Decrease)
Railroad and Public Service Regulation	$266,194	$247,757	$18,437

PROGRAM COST DETAIL

PROGRAM	1970-71 Total	Personal Services	Operating Expense	Capital
Railroad and Public Service Regulation	$266,194	$198,165	$60,896	$7,133